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Command Briefing Video

The ERDC Command Briefing video is available for viewing in CD or VHS formats. The 10-minute video will be available for viewing in Conference Room V on March 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact PAO at ICOM 2235 or via Outlook if you would like to check out either format for individual viewing. The briefing is available on the ERDC Intranet but requires a Real Player plugin.

NAVAIR Visit



ERDC Deputy Director Dr. Morrison, John Illgen, Intel Simulation Technologies, Mr. Burkhardt, Amy Markowich, NAVAIR, Vice Admiral Joseph Dyer, NAVAIR and Maj. Gen. Hans Van Winkle, USACE visited TEC on March 13 for an overview and a series of briefings. (Photo by Terri Stowell.)

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Donna's Farewell

Donna Swinney's snow-delayed retirement luncheon was finally held.



Photos by
Terri Stowell

Donna tells Ken "Santa" Traveller what she'd like for her retirement.



Donna and Mark Hainsey

Welcome Aboard

Contractor Laura Mulholland joined TEC recently as a full-time Cataloger in the Information Services Branch's Geospatial Information Library. She will be located in the 500 Area.



Laura (Photo by Terri Stowell.)

Arriving

Name

Jackie Mills

Organization

HR

Losing Organization

Fort McPherson

Date

April 9

Bulletin Publication Change

With the establishment of an ERDC-wide Information Bulletin, which will be published every 2 weeks, individual site Bulletins will now be published in the “off” weeks. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles and information for the site Bulletin. The next Alexandria Site Information Bulletin will be published on April 3.

Handling Calls from the Media

When you receive calls from media representatives (local reporters, technical, trade, or general news media), please refer the caller to the Public Affairs Office (PAO) before responding to any questions. PAO will work with you, the reporter, and our command staff to determine how TEC as an organization can best respond. PAO will arrange an interview between you and the reporter if appropriate, and will answer any follow-up calls. This procedure will help TEC personnel prepare properly for answering media questions.

The intention of this request is not to restrict anyone’s freedom to speak to the press. It will, however, ensure all concerned, when speaking as representatives of TEC, have the big picture and a complete background on the issue at hand. It also ensures the coordination with our executive staff, which is ultimately responsible for the image portrayed by TEC to the press.

Commander’s Mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees’ questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, “ERDC Commander.” Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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BOBBIE J. GALFORD
Chief, Public Affairs Office
Engineer Research and Development Center

U N O F F I C I A L

Condolences

Condolences are extended to Margaret Murnane, TS-F, and family on the passing of her father Mr. John F. “Jack” Murnane on March 8. In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift was sent to The Hospice of Northern Virginia.

Condolences are extended to Dick Garrity, TS-F, on the passing of his brother Mr. Michael Garrity on March 16.

Blood Drive Results

Linda Bartlett, RN, reports that although volunteers for the March 7 Blood Drive were initially scarce with 25 people signed up that morning, by the end of the day, 41 people come in to donate and 32 good units of blood were collected. Twenty-one people have already signed up the next Blood Drive, which will be May 9. (Connie Dutton, TEC Blood Drive Coordinator)

The Great American Meatout

Kimberly Nevitt, TO-H, offered free meatless treats in the Snack Bar to all takers in celebration of the Great American Meatout 2003. A variety of pamphlets on vegetarianism were available.



Mike Coley (l) listens as Kimberly (seated) describes the ingredients used in some of the free eats.
Photos by Terri Stowell.)

White Elephant/Silent Auction

The Picnic Committee is sponsoring a White Elephant/Silent Auction. Donations are being accepted from March 12 to April 23. Between these dates, bring donations to the following Picnic Committee members: Robin Cameron (Room 406), Jennifer Hanson (Room 428), Julie Kolakowski (Room 438) and Dan Visone (Room 465).

Bidding/showing will be from April 28-May 6 in Conference Room VI. Bidding will close at noon on May 6. Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. Items can be picked up from 1-4 p.m. in Conference Room VI.

Apartment/Townhouse Needed

Looking for an apartment/townhouse to share, allows pets (I have a basset hound), non-smoker preferred. Please contact Kimberly Nevitt. (<mailto:Kimberly.A.Nevitt@erdc.usace.army.mil>) or call (703) 428-6627.

Circus Trip Scheduled

The Fort Belvoir Civilian Employee Fund Council (CEFC) is sponsoring a trip to the Ringling Brothers Circus at the D.C. Armory on April 13 at 1:30 p.m. Sign up begins March 11 and will continue through March 28 or until filled. Tickets are limited so this offer is on a first come, first serve basis to Fort Belvoir DoD Civilian employees and immediate family members only.

For more information, contact Mary Pumphrey, CEFC Office, (703) 805-4126, Bldg 210 (Basement), from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Pancake Breakfast

The Springfield-Franconia Host Lions Club is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast (sausage, eggs, coffee and more) at the First Baptist Church of Springfield, 7300 Gary Street on March 29 from 7-11 a.m. The cost is \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door or contact Linda Graff in Room 428 or at 428-6454 (ICOM 2221).

“Murder Mystery Dinner” Trip Slated

The Fort Belvoir Civilian Employee Fund Council (CEFC) is sponsoring a trip to “murder Mystery Dinner” at the Blair Mansion Inn May 3 at 7:45 p.m. in Silver Spring, Md. Cost for the dinner and show is \$21. Sign up begins April 1 and will continue through April 29 or until filled. This offer is on a first come, first serve basis to Fort Belvoir DoD Civilian employees and one guest.

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